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SUBJECT: RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT

REF: A. BANGKOK 6833; B. MACTHAI 192100 APR 75; C. STATE 091119

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SUMMARY: ALL ELEMENTS OF SETTLEMENT ARRANGMENT WITH MR. LUACHAI HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. AT LUACHAI'S REQUEST, THE COURT, AFTER QUESTIONING THE FOUR MILITARY POLICEMEN ABOUT THEIR DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, DISMISSED THE CASE. A DIPLOMATIC NOTE OFFICIALLY WAIVING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WILL BE DELIVERED TO MFA TOMORROW.

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF C THE ARRANGEMENTS REPORTED IN REF A WERE IMPLEMENTED.

2. MR. LUACHAI WAS PAID 100,000 BAHT FOR WHICH HE EXECUTED A RECEIPT WHICH DETAILED THE ACTION HE WAS TO TAKE. THEREAFTER MR. LUACHAI, HIS ATTORNEY, THE FOUR
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MILITARY POLICEMEN AND THE RAMASUN STATION SJA

WENT TO COURT WHERE LUACHAI PRESENTED HIS PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE CASE. THE FOUR MILITARY POLICEMEN WERE QUERIED BY THE JUDGE REGARDING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE NOT CLAIMING IMMUNITY AND THE CASE WAS THEN DISMISSED. THESE PROCEEDINGS WERE COVERED BY ABOUT SIX REPORTERS AND A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHERS. A NUMBER OF PICTURES OF THE FOUR MILITARY POLICEMEN WERE TAKEN.

3. DURING THE PROCEEDINGS THE UDORN POLICE GAVE THE JUDGE A LETTER COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LACK OF COOPERATION FROM RAMASUN STATION OFFICIALS IN THE CASE. IN ANSWER TO THIS UNEXPECTED COMPLAINT, THE RAMASUN STATION SJA ADVISED THE COURT THAT THE OFFICIALS HAD NOT INTENDED TO OBSTRUCT THEIR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN FORCED TO DELAY RESPONDING TO POLICE REQUESTS WHILE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER ECHELONS. THE SJA ASSURED THE COURT THAT RAMASUN STATION OFFICIALS WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH THE POLICE.

4. MR. LUACHAI THEN RETURNED TO THE UDORN VICE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. HE WAS GIVEN A LETTER FROM HIS FORMER SUPERVISOR RETRACTING THE ALLEGATIONS UPON WHICH THE TERMINATION HAD BEEN BASED AND THE BALANCE OF THE SETTLEMENT PAYMENT, 50,000 BAHT. LUACHAI THEN GAVE THE RAMASUN SJA A LETTER TO THE UDORN POLICE REQUESTING THEIR DROPPING THE OFFICIAL CASE AGAINST THE FOUR MILITARY POLICEMEN. HE IN TURN WAS GIVEN A LETTER FROM THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE ADVISING THAT HE HAD BEEN RIF'D. LUACHAI'S LETTER WAS THEN DELIVERED TO THE PROVINCIAL POLICE.

5. TOMORROW, 23 APRIL, A NOTE WILL BE DELIVERED TO MFA OFFICIALLY WAIVING THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF THE FOUR MILITARY POLICEMEN. COPIES OF THAT NOTE AND OUR PRIOR NOTES ON THE CASE WILL BE POUCHED AS REQUESTED (REF C).
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